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1. Two troop trains moved from Altengrabow to Gera on 13 and 14 February. Twenty artillery pieces were allegedly unloaded from each train. The artillery unit which had entered the barracks installations at Gera-Tinz on 14 February was no longer observed there on 17 and 18 February. According to local residents, the troops had left by road toward Bad Koestritz on the nights of 17 and 18 February. 1

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2. Two troop trains were unloaded at Halle on 18 February. One of the trains was loaded with 122 mm artillery pieces; the other with sixteen tanks, mostly T-34/85's. Another shipment of tanks and SP guns of the 21st Guards Mechanized Division was detrained on 28 February. On that day the Luftnachrichten Kaserne in Halle quartered 1500 to 2000 men.

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3. According to official railroad records, an artillery unit was shipped to Wursen on 24 February while five trains with tanks were dispatched to Baruth. Two of the latter trains came from Spremberg and the others from Luebben, Cottbus and Deberlug.

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4. The following troop shipments were identified []

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Number of Trains</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
27 February	2	Kuestrin-Kietz	Jueterbog
28 February	1	Forst Zinna	Luebben
	3	Forst Zinna	Cottbus
	1	Jueterbog	Rathenow
1 March	2	Luckenwalde	Naustrelitz/ Fuerstenberg
	1	Hagenow	Brandenburg
	1	Fuerstenwalde	Jueterbog
	2	Bernau	Jueterbog
	1	Dallgow-Doeberitz	Altengrabow

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[] 5. [] the following shipments were to be made

25X1 ready for dispatch: one train [] at Jueterbog on 28 February;

25X1 two trains [] at Fuerstenwalde and one train []

25X1 [] at Dallgow-Doeberitz on 1 March.²

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25X1 1. [] Comment: It is believed that a unit of the 10th Howitzer Artillery Brigade of the 6th Artillery Division was detrained on 14 February. The unit, probably, was to participate in the exercises held by the XXIX Guards Rifle Corps in the Zeitz-Gera-Losza area.

25X1 2. [] Comment: It is believed that the shipments from Forst Zinna carried headquarters units of the 3rd Guards Mechanized Army which were to participate in the exercises held by the 9th Mechanized Division in the area northwest of Cottbus. The other shipments mostly carried units which were to practice advanced combat firing or which had already completed this exercise.

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